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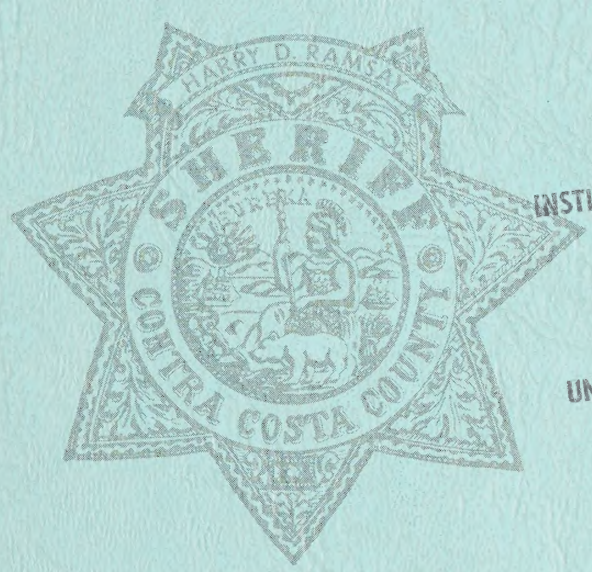

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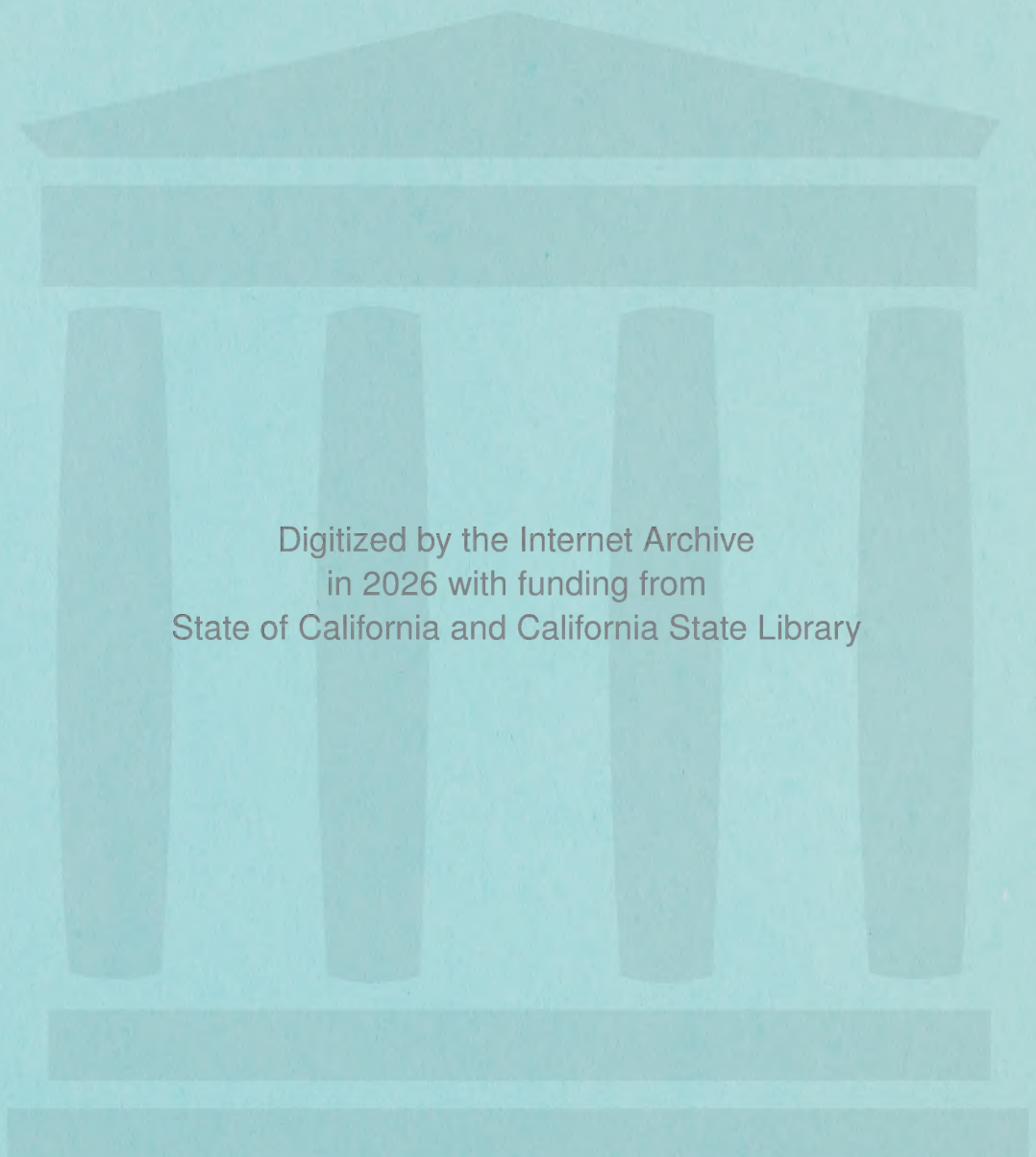

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SHERIFF-CORONER

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
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SHERIFF-CORONER

H. E. HOBERT
ASSISTANT SHERIFF

L. A. GLENN
ADMIN. SERVICES OFFICER

March 6, 1975

HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The staff of the Office of the Sheriff-Coroner is pleased to present the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 1973-74. The report statistically describes the activities our Department was engaged in during the past year as well as providing a glimpse of the various functions we perform.

As has been the trend over the last several years, requests for services continue to increase. It is through the combined effort of the dedicated employees of our Department and the support we have received from you, the County Administrator, other officials and the citizens, that we have been able to meet this challenge.

Very truly yours,

Harry D. Ramsay

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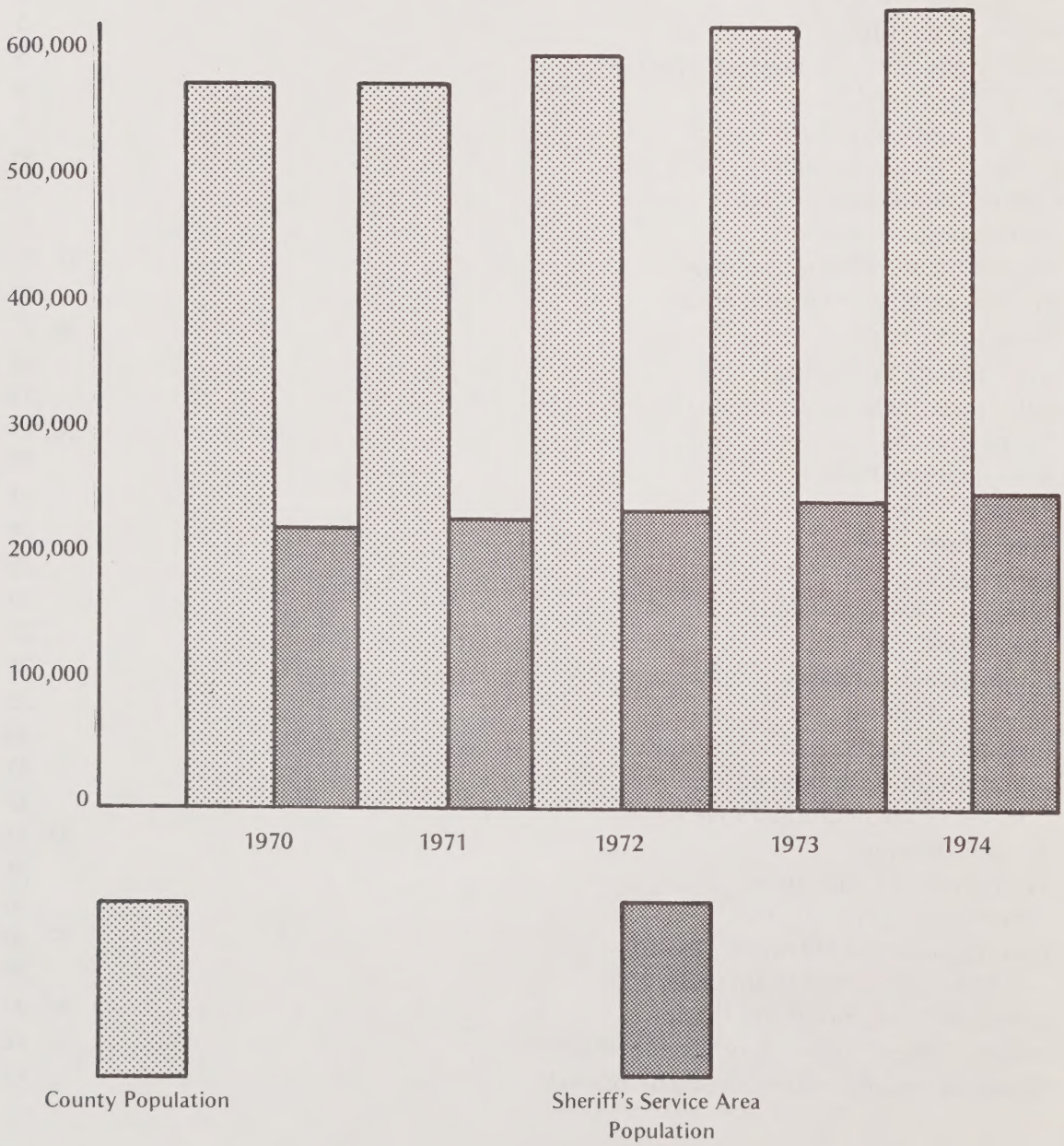
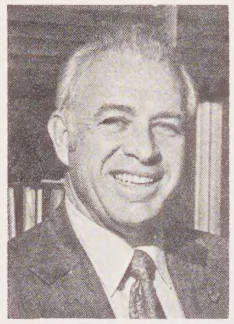
THE COUNTY WE SERVE

Contra Costa County is diverse in its profile in many ways. It is a County whose population is comprised of numerous ethnic and racial groups; of many city, suburban and rural area; of many variances in the income of its populace and a geography of valleys, hills, waterfronts, and freeways. Because of this potpourri of ingredients the problems confronting law enforcement are as diverse as the County itself.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
SHERIFF-CORONER DEPARTMENT



HARRY D. RAMSAY
Sheriff-Coroner

- ASSISTANT SHERIFF
  - ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
  - DETENTION DIVISION
    - Jail
    - Rehabilitation Center
    - Branch Jail
    - Bailiffs
  - INVESTIGATION DIVISION
    - Felony
    - Juvenile
    - Burglary
    - Special Services
    - CORONER UNIT
  - PATROL DIVISION
    - Patrol
    - Transportation
    - Marine
    - Litter
  - SERVICES DIVISION
    - Records
    - Civil
    - Radio
    - Property
    - Photography
  - INSPECTION & CONTROL DIVISION
    - Inspection
    - Internal Affairs
    - Intelligence
    - Community Relations
    - Training
    - Reserves
  - CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY
    - Laboratory
    - Crime Scene Technicians
  - COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION
    - Engineering
    - Maintenance

COUNTY AND SHERIFF BUDGET COMPARISON

FISCAL YEAR	COUNTY BUDGET	SHERIFF BUDGET	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
1969 - 70	$118,119,898	$5,578,105*	4.7%
1970 - 71	$136,798,771	$6,205,143	4.5%
1971 - 72	$158,758,640	$7,149,113	4.5%
1972 - 73	$166,292,660	$8,015,656	4.8%
1973 - 74	$186,448,153	$8,416,718	4.5%

*Coroner's Budget Included for the First Time.

Martinez and original Court House of 1901

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The past year for law enforcement in Contra Costa County was a most eventful one. A review of events reveals an ever increasing trend in the operations of local government-interjurisdictional cooperation. Especially in the area of law enforcement such cooperation is an essential facet of successful operations—crime knows no boundaries.

As our department entered the 1973-74 fiscal year, three seemingly eternal problems continued to be of major concern. First, while burglaries were reduced between 1971-72 and 1972-73, this crime remained of utmost concern to both the residents of Contra Costa County and our Department. Second, the epidemic of drug abuse continued to spread in our County like a cancerous growth. Third, detention facilities, already overcrowded, had increased strain placed upon their eroding walls.

During the past year the burglary problem was attacked by the continuation of a burglary suppression unit which had such a positive impact on buglaries over the previous year. This program combined with our Departments' Neighborhood Awareness and Operation Identification programs, substantially reduced the number of burglaries for the second consecutive year. These efforts will continue in the coming year.

The problem of drug abuse, while continued to be dealt with by each law enforcement agency on an individual basis, was attacked in a regional, cooperative effort with the establishment of a federally funded unit comprised of officers from several agencies in our County. Known as the Contra Costa Narcotics Task Force, the units objective is to get at the heart of the drug problem, namely, the supplier. If the supplier is removed from operating, the supply of drugs which is now so accessible, will be choked off from the users. While this is an ominous task, the formation of this Task Force is a step toward problem resolution.

The lack of sufficient detention facilities to humanely house those individuals who are brought to our Department for incarceration remains a major problem. Plans for a new detention facility continue to move forward, however, completion is not expected until 1979. Of more immediate benefit will be a 75 man work/educational furlough center to be located in the west end of our County. This facility is expected to be completed early in 1976. In the coming year monies will be sought to construct a similar facility for women inmates as well as improve upon our existing rehabilitation facility in Clayton.

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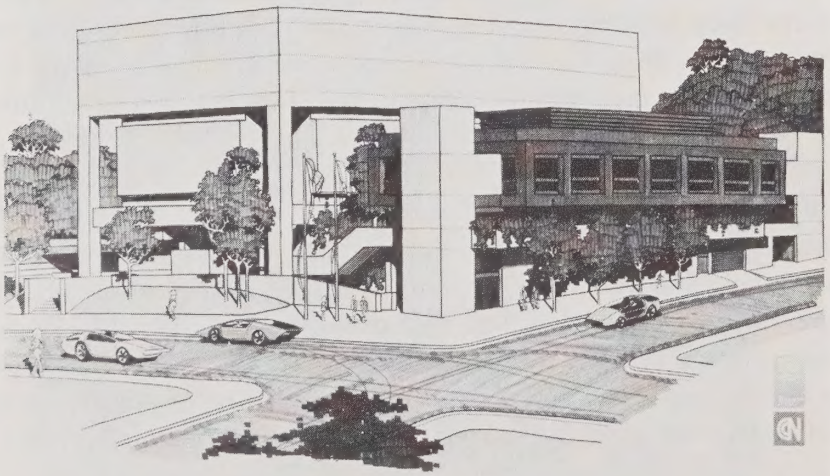
On March 26, 1974, a further example of cooperation was demonstrated and on this occasion the cooperation went beyond the public sector. It was on this date that a new Coroner's facility was dedicated. This dedication was the result of a cooperative effort on the part of our County government and the Contra Costa Labor Health and Welfare Council, their Chairman Warren L. Jackman, and Executive Secretary, Louis H. Martin. The facility and its operation represent a further effort to maximize the benefit to the citizens of Contra Costa County from the resources at hand.

Special note is taken of an event occuring during the past year which exemplifies the professional approach your County's Sheriff's Department continues to operate under. In January of 1974, Walter F. Young who had served the citizens faithfully as a member of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department since 1943 and had headed our Department since 1960, turned the reins of leadership over to Undersheriff Harry D. Ramsay. It is in the smooth transition that this change of leadership took place that the professional demeanor of our Department is reflected.

Our Department and all its personnel are proud of the accomplishments of the past year while, at the same time, realizing the coming year holds even greater challenges. With the continued cooperation we have witnessed during the past year, cooperation from private citizens, public and private agencies, we are confident that these new challenges will be met.



Proposed Criminal Justice Detention Center

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Sheriff		1
Assistant Sheriff		1
Captain		5
Lieutenant		12
Sergeant		58
Deputy Sheriff		206
Chief Criminalist		1
Supervising Criminalist		1
Criminalist		2
Criminalist II		3
Criminalist I		1
Work Furlough Parole Officer		1
Administrative Services Officer		1
Administrative Services Assistant		1
Communications Engineer		1
Supervising Communications Technician		1
Senior Communications Technician		1
Communications Technician		6
Radio Equipment		1
Senior Sheriff's Dispatcher		5
Sheriff's Dispatcher		20
Sheriff's Services Assistant		5
Departmental Services Aide		2
Lead Cook		3
Storekeeper		1
Sheriff's Photographer		1
Clerical		43
Sworn Personnel	293	
Non-Sworn Personnel	91	

PROFILE OF SWORN PERSONNEL

Education

DEGREE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
A. A.	87	27%
B. S. or B. A.	57	20%
M. S. or M. A.	8	3%

P.O.S.T. CERTIFICATION*

CERTIFICATE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
Basic	122	42%
Intermediate	72	25%
Advanced	73	25%
Management	13	5%
Executive	2	1%

Length of Service

Average length of service

7.4 years

*P.O.S.T. is the acronym for the Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training. The Commission is part of the State of California Department of Justice and was established in compliance with Title IV of the Penal Code of California. P.O.S.T. certificates are issued in recognition of an individual officers training, experience and competence. Certificate requirements are listed on Page 11 of this report.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

BASIC

1. Shall have completed probation.
2. Shall have completed P.O.S.T. basic course (400 hours for Contra Costa County, State requires 200 hours).

INTERMEDIATE

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess Basic Certificate.
2. Shall possess a combination of training, education and experience (e.g., B.A. degree, Basic Certificates 2 years experience)

ADVANCED

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess Intermediate Certificate.
2. Shall possess a combination of training, education and experience (e.g., M.A. degree, Basic Certificate and 4 years experience)

MANAGEMENT

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess the Advanced Certificate.
2. Shall have completed at least 60 semester college units.
3. Shall have completed Middle Management Course or equivalent.
4. Minimum 2 years as department head, assistant department head or middle management as so defined.

EXECUTIVE

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess the Advanced Certificate.
2. Shall have completed at least 60 semester college units.
3. Shall have completed Executive Development Course or equivalent.
4. Minimum two years as department head.

ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Sheriff	1
Assistant Sheriff	1
Administrative Services Officer	1
Administrative Services Assistant	1
Secretary II	1
Clerks	3
Clerks, P.I.	2
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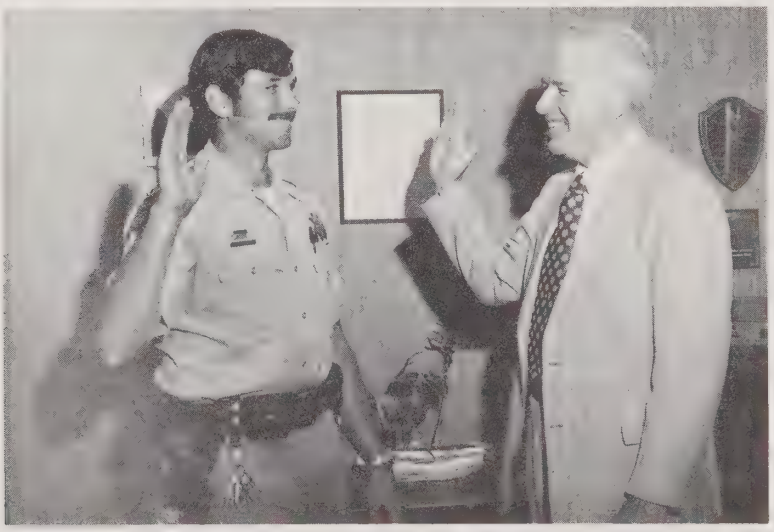
Sworn Personnel	2
Non-Sworn Personnel	8

The Administration Section is responsible for the overall department planning, budget preparation, personnel transactions, purchasing and maintaining records relating to all of the above.



SHERIFF-CORONER Harry D. Ramsay swears in new deputy Douglas Perez.

INSPECTION & CONTROL DIVISION

Public display at National Police Week, May 1974.

The Inspection & Control Division is responsible for reviewing Department operations to insure that it is operating at an efficient and effective level. This review includes onsight inspections, background investigations and operations review. In addition the Division has several support responsibilities which include the following:

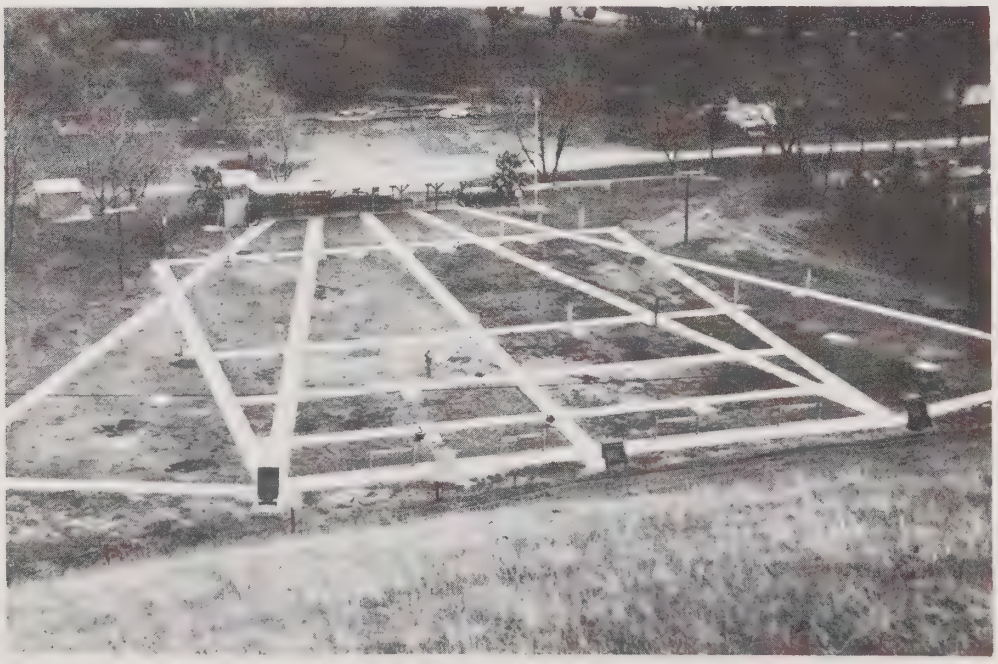
1. Training — to provide and schedule the training for all Department personnel.
2. Intelligence — to gather and disseminate information on organized crime and related activities in the community.
3. Community Relations — to acquaint the public with the functions of law enforcement and its importance to them.
4. Reserves & Cadets — to provide direction to these two supportive organizations.
5. Safety — to investigate all on-the-job accidents and promote safety within the Department.

INSPECTION AND CONTROL DIVISION

Captain*	1
Lieutenant	1
Sergeant	4
Deputy Sheriff	1
Intermediate Typist Clerk	1
	8

Sworn Personnel	7
Non-Sworn Personnel	1

*Although the number of personnel in the Inspection & Control Division do not, under normal circumstances, warrant a division head at the rank of Captain, the responsibilities of this position are of such a nature that a Captain is essential.



Sheriff's firearms range with nine combat positions.

RESERVES

Captain	5
Lieutenant	23
Sergeant	26
Reserve Deputy (male)	144
Reserve Deputy (female)	17

CADETS

Captain	1
Lieutenant	3
Sergeant	4
Cadet (male)	11
Cadet (female)	6

The past year saw our Reserve personnel contribute over 65,000 volunteer manhours and our Cadet personnel over 6,000. These two organizations not only provide an excellent training ground for aspiring law enforcement careerists but also supplement the resources of the Sheriff's Department at no cost to the taxpayers. Both the Sheriff's Department and the taxpayers of our County are indebted to these two outstanding groups of individuals.

DETENTION DIVISION

Main floor cellblock in the 1945-wing of the Martinez Main Jail.

The Detention Division is responsible for maintaining the Main Jail which provides temporary custody for prisoners awaiting court appearances, as well as medium security for those serving sentences as the result of a court order. Additional responsibilities include maintaining the recently completed Clayton Branch Jail used to house the overflow unsentenced inmates from the Main Jail and also maintaining the Rehabilitation Center in Clayton which serves as an honor facility for sentenced prisoners. The Work Furlough Program administered by the Detention Division also is located at the Rehabilitation Center.

DETENTION DIVISION

Captain	1
Lieutenant	2
Sergenant	9
Deputy Sheriff-Jailer	38
Deputy Sheriff-Work Furlough	2
Deputy Sheriff-Bailiff	11
Deputy Sheriff-Female	8
Work Furlough Parole Officer	1
Account Clerk II	1
Clerks	5
Lead Cook	3
Sheriff's Services Assistant	2
Department Services Aide	1
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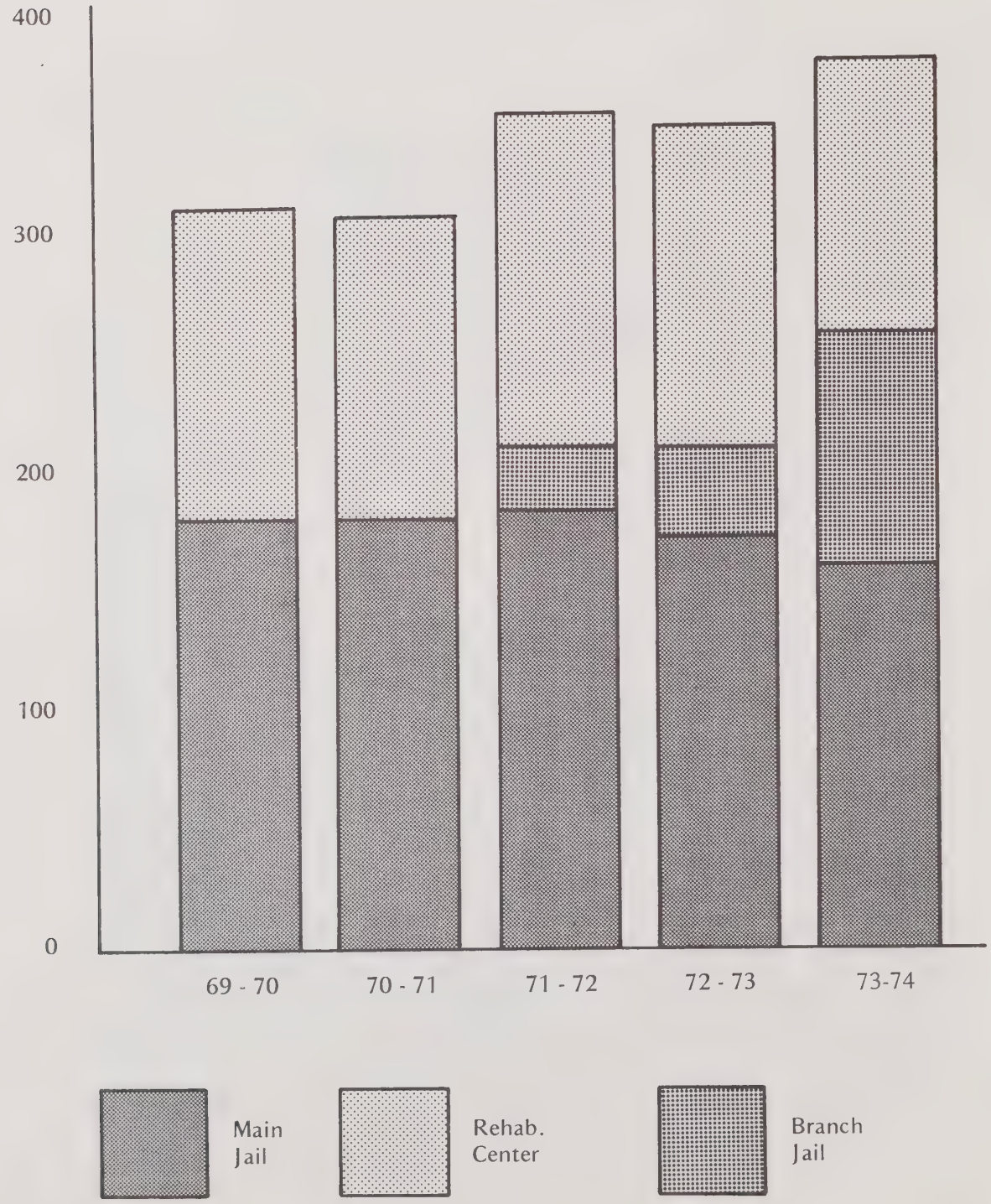
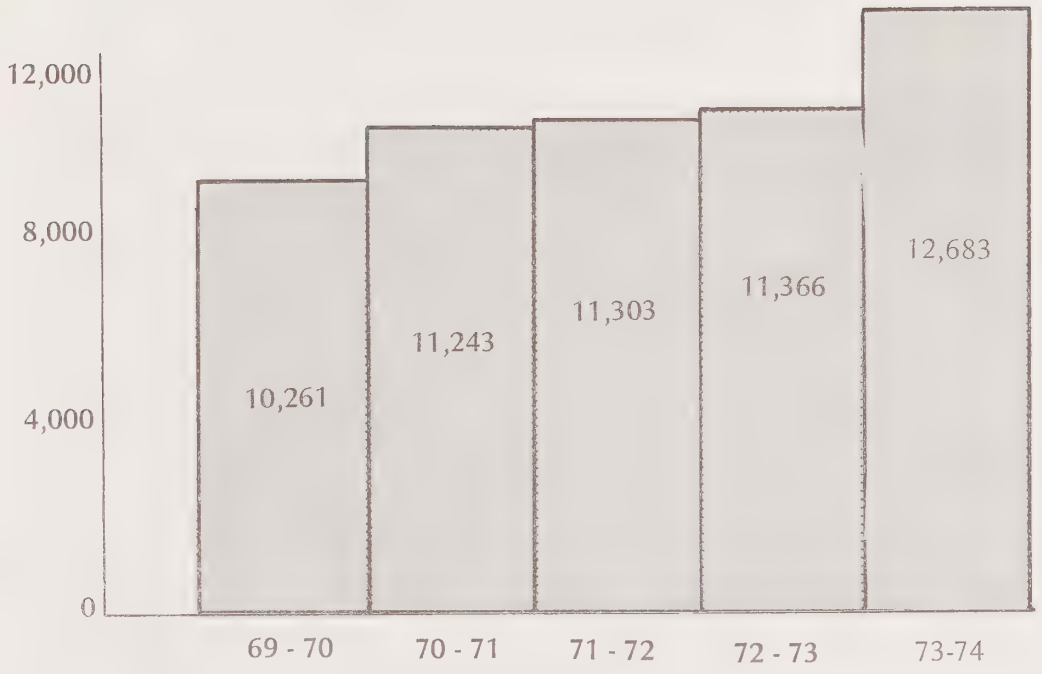
Sworn Personnel	71
Non-Sworn Personnel	13

Sheriff's Rehabilitation Center, Clayton, showing the Honor facility and the Branch Jail.

DAILY INMATE POPULATION



JAIL INTAKE



INCARCERATION RATE PER 10,000 POPULATION

PATROL DIVISION

Inspection of Patrolmen prior to going on duty.

The Patrol Division provides the 24 hour a day, day to day police service for the unincorporated area of the County. The Deputy Sheriff assigned as a patrolman has broad responsibilities of preservation of peace, arresting violators, prevention and suppression of crime and investigation of public offenses. A patrol deputy is the man who responds when people in the unincorporated area of the County call for a policeman. The Patrol Division also has auxiliary functions of Transportation, Marine Patrol, and Litter. As an integral part of the Patrol Division we have canine units and policing the City of Lafayette on a contract basis.

PATROL DIVISION

Captain	1
Lieutenant	5
Sergeant	14
Deputy Sheriff	126
Sheriff's Services Assistant	3
Senior Clerk	1
Clerks	2
	152

Sworn Personnel	146
Non-Sworn Personnel	6

A patrolman's best friend.

Transportation vehicles move prisoners between County courts.

INVESTIGATION DIVISION

A new Central Morgue was dedicated in 1974. Participating were Harry D. Ramsay, Sheriff-Coroner, County Supervisor Warren Boggess, and Louis Martin, Contra Costa Labor, Health & Welfare Council.

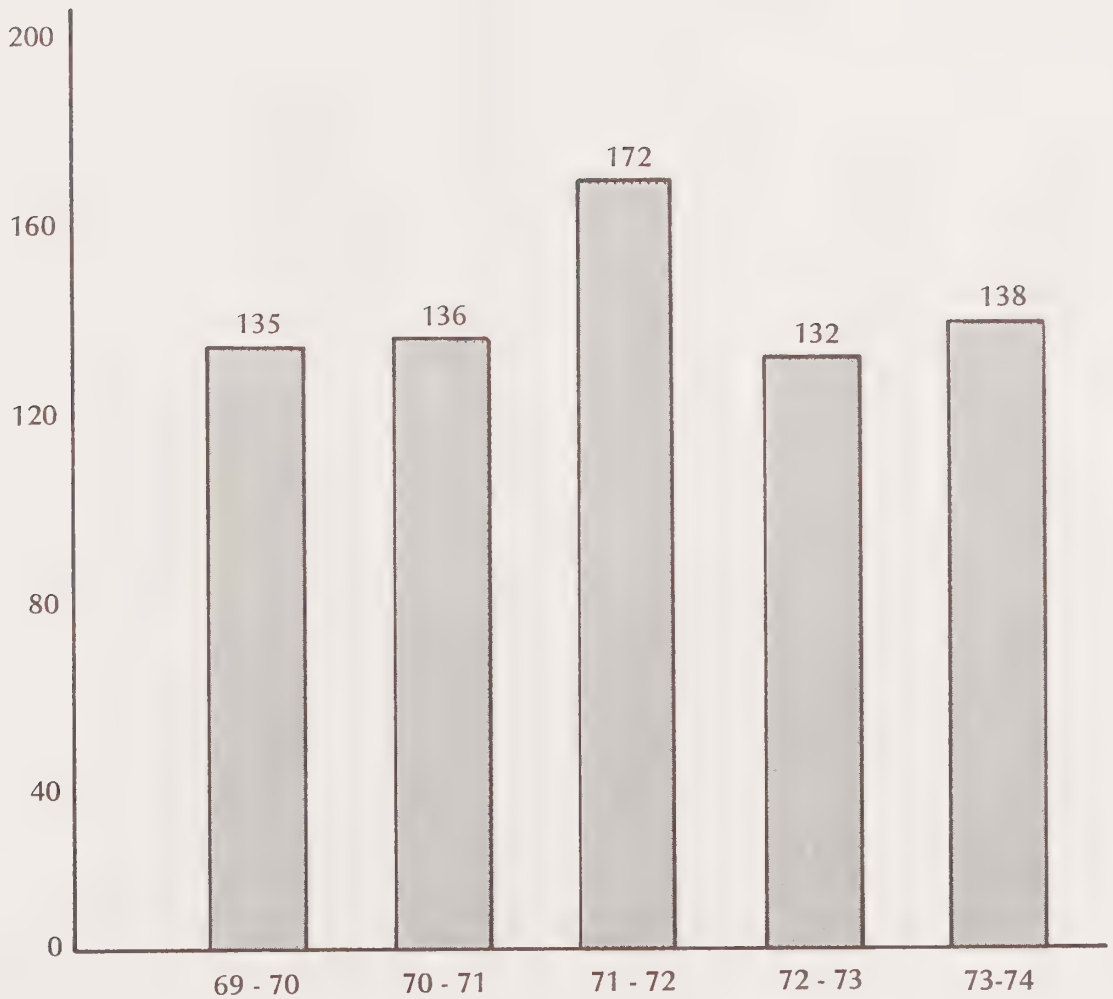
The Investigation Division provides specialized investigation of a wide variety of crimes throughout the County. Felonies and serious misdemeanors are investigated by either the Crimes vs. Property Unit or the Crimes vs. Persons Unit. Additionally within the Division the Special Services Unit investigates vice and narcotics violations and the Coroner's unit is responsible for the processing of all County Coroner cases.

Captain	1
Lieutenant	3
Sergeant*	27
Sergeant-Female*	3
Deputy Sheriff	16
Secretary I	1
Clerks	4
	55

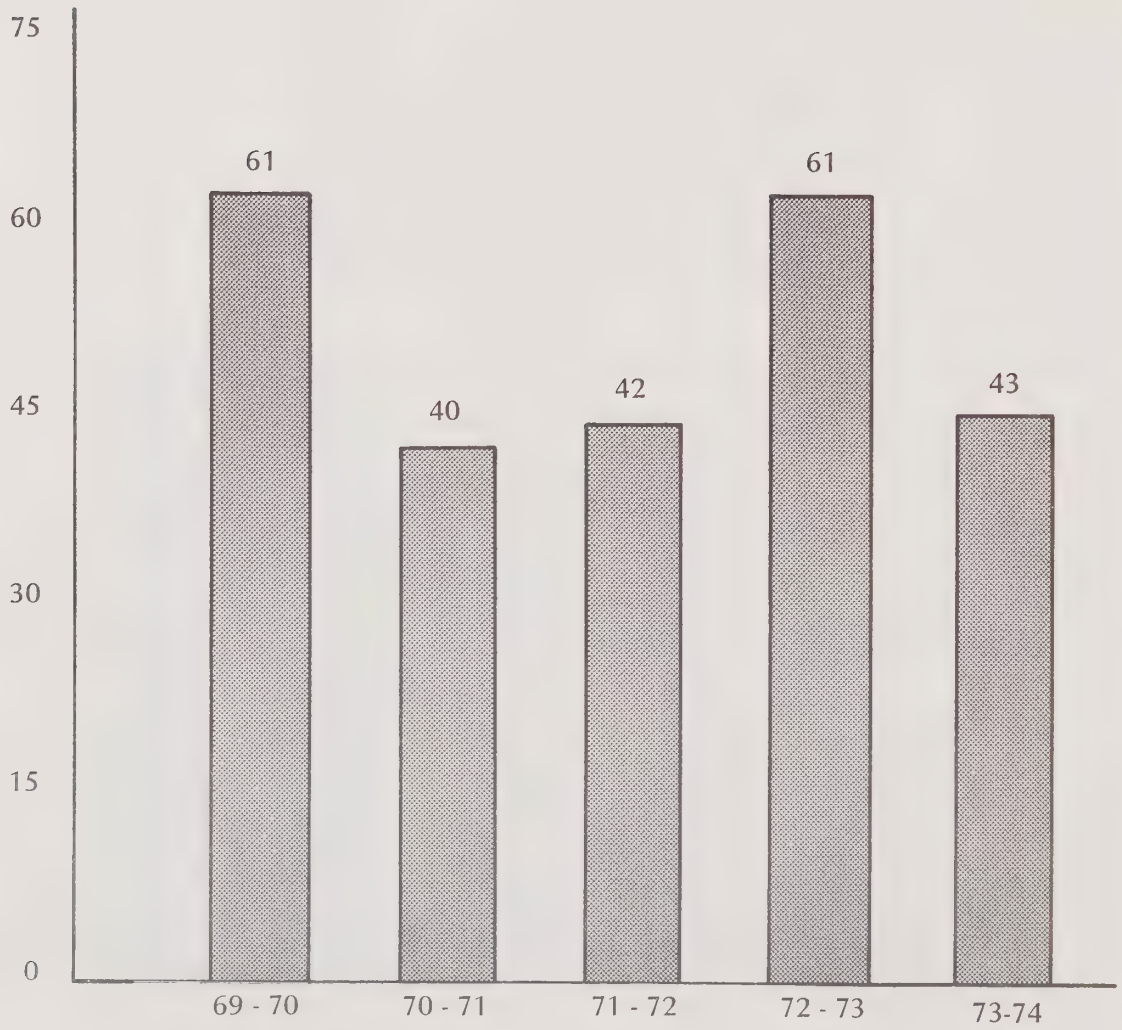
Sworn Personnel	45
Non-Sworn Personnel	10

*The 30 Sergeants in the Investigation Division are not supervisors. The incumbents are awarded the rank of Sergeant in recognition of their special abilities as detective investigators.

ROBBERY CASES



RAPE CASES



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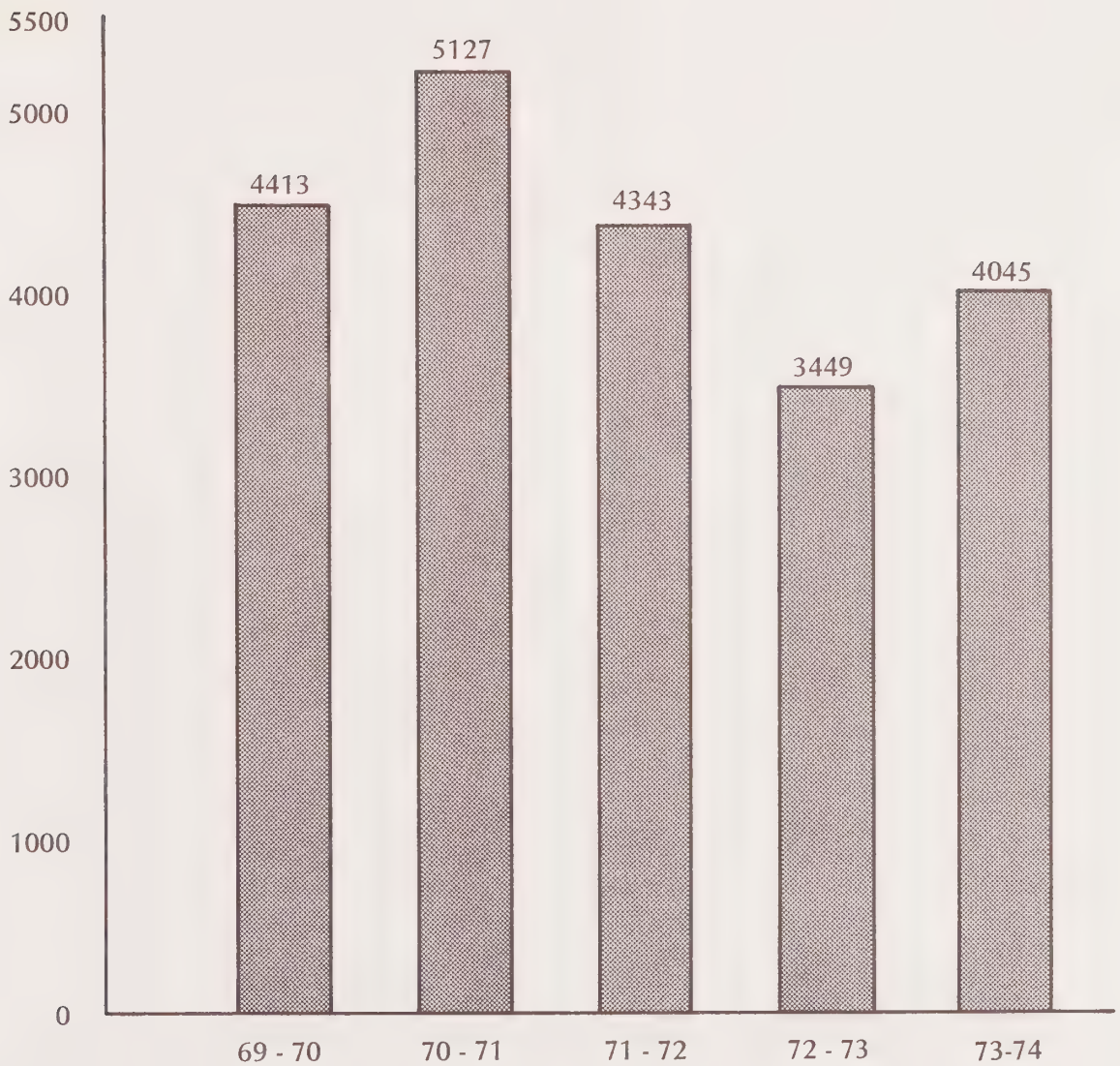

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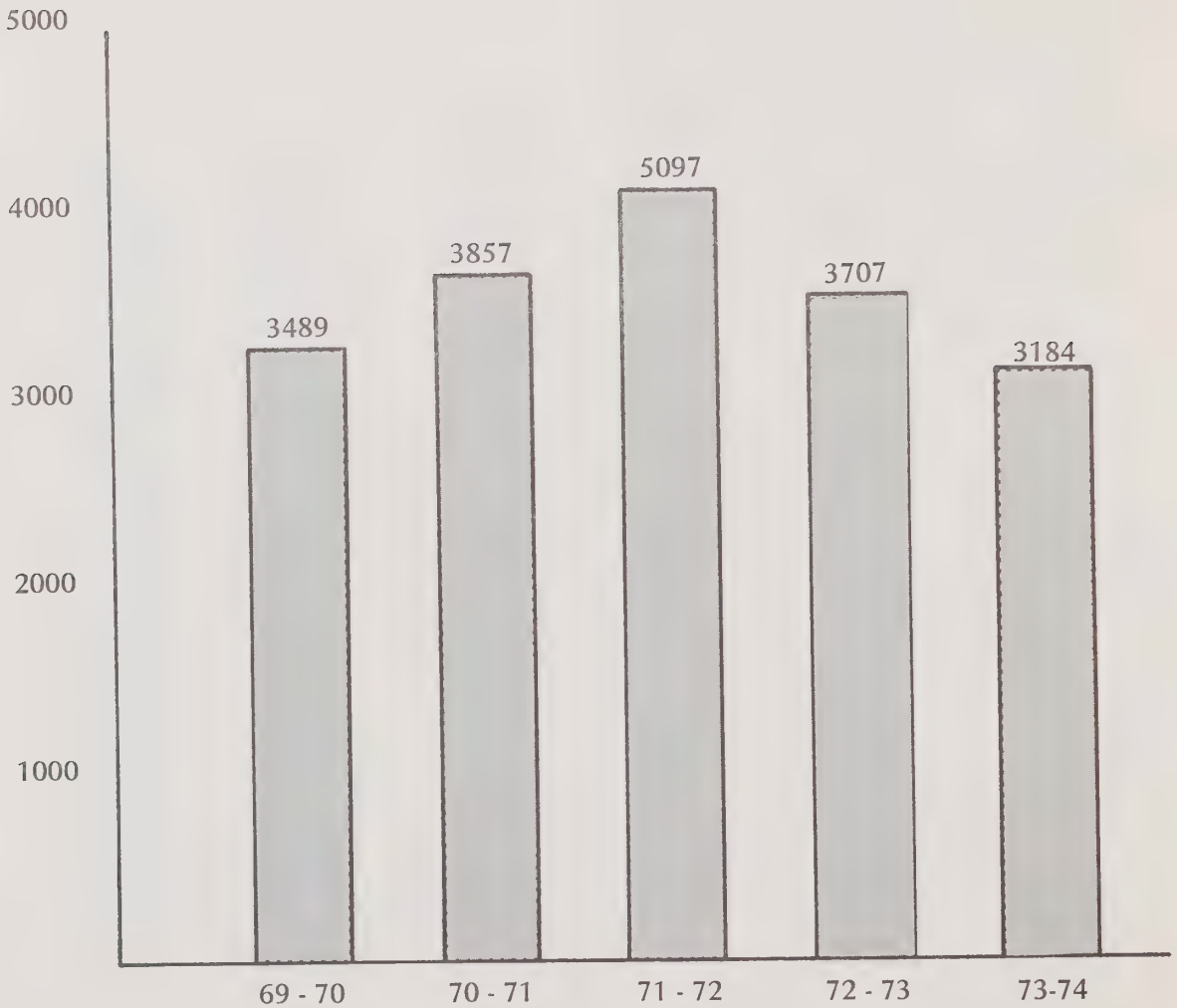

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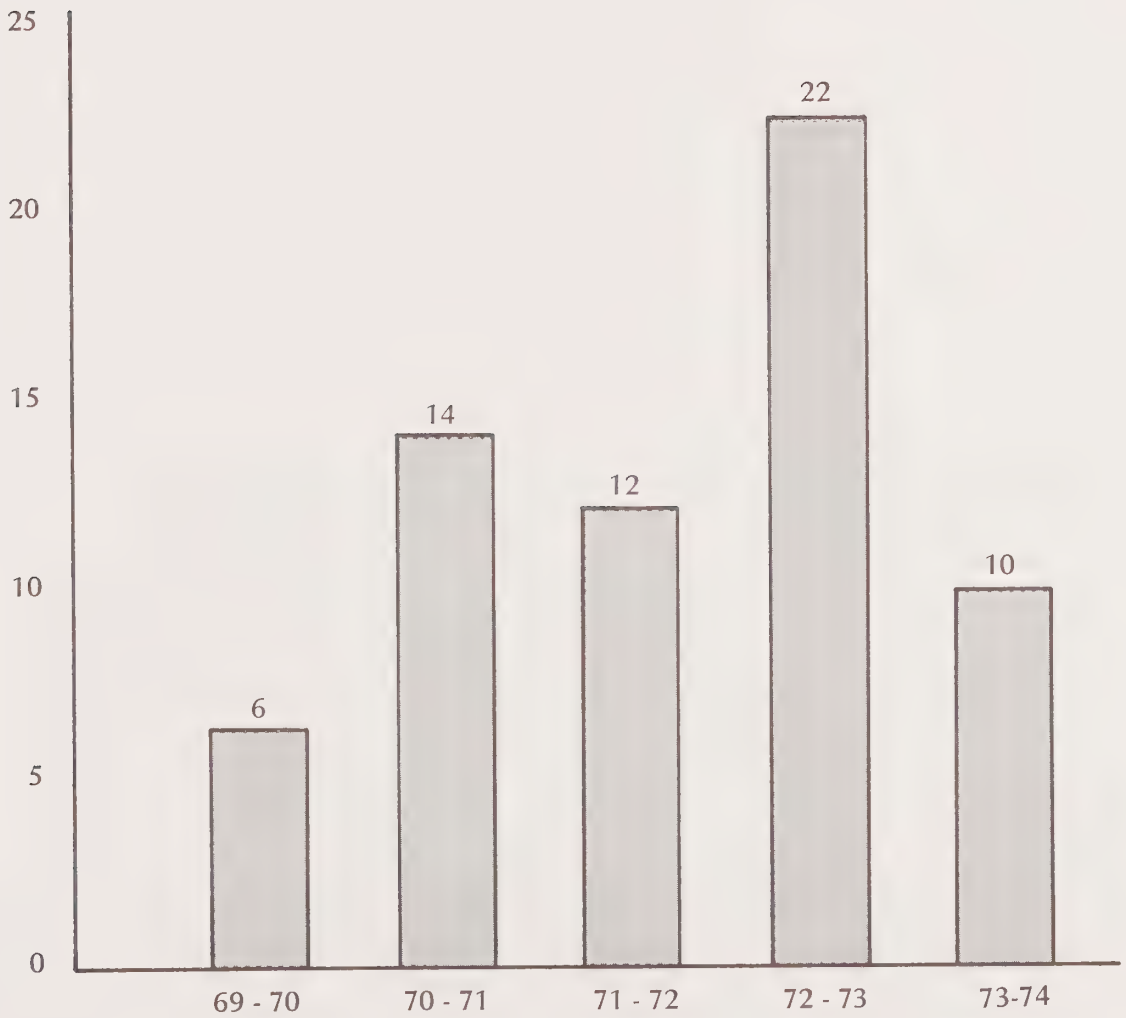
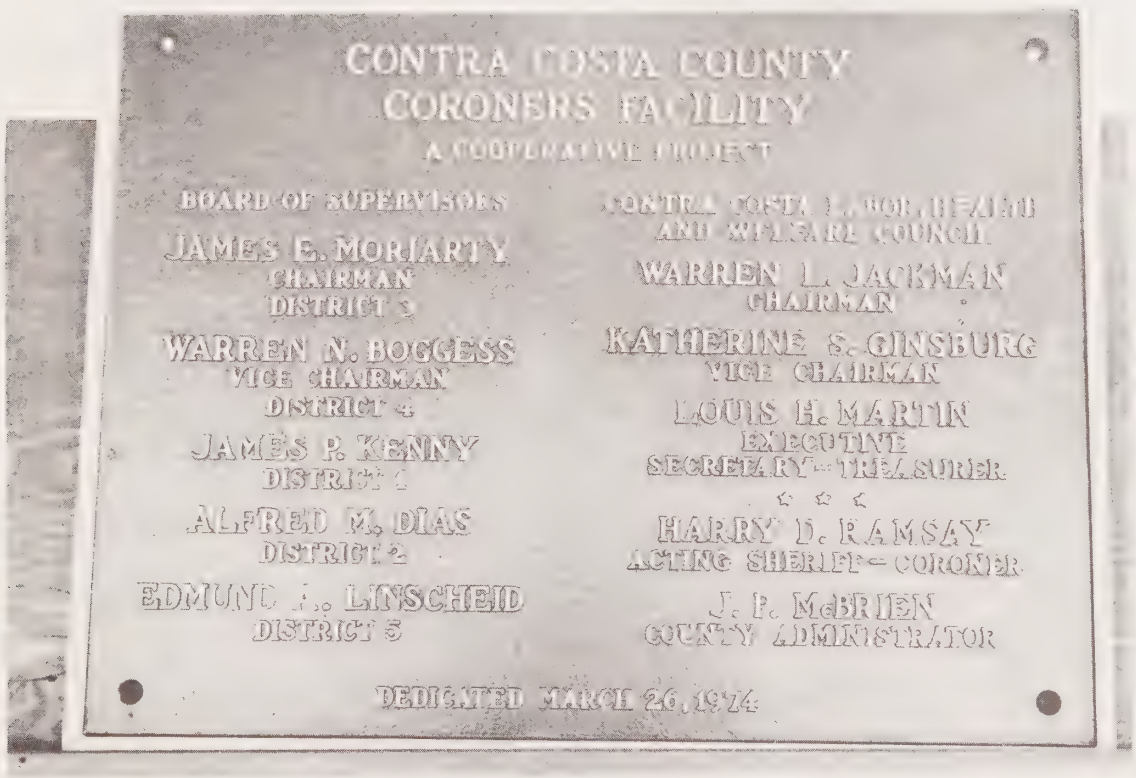


CRIME CLEARANCE RATES

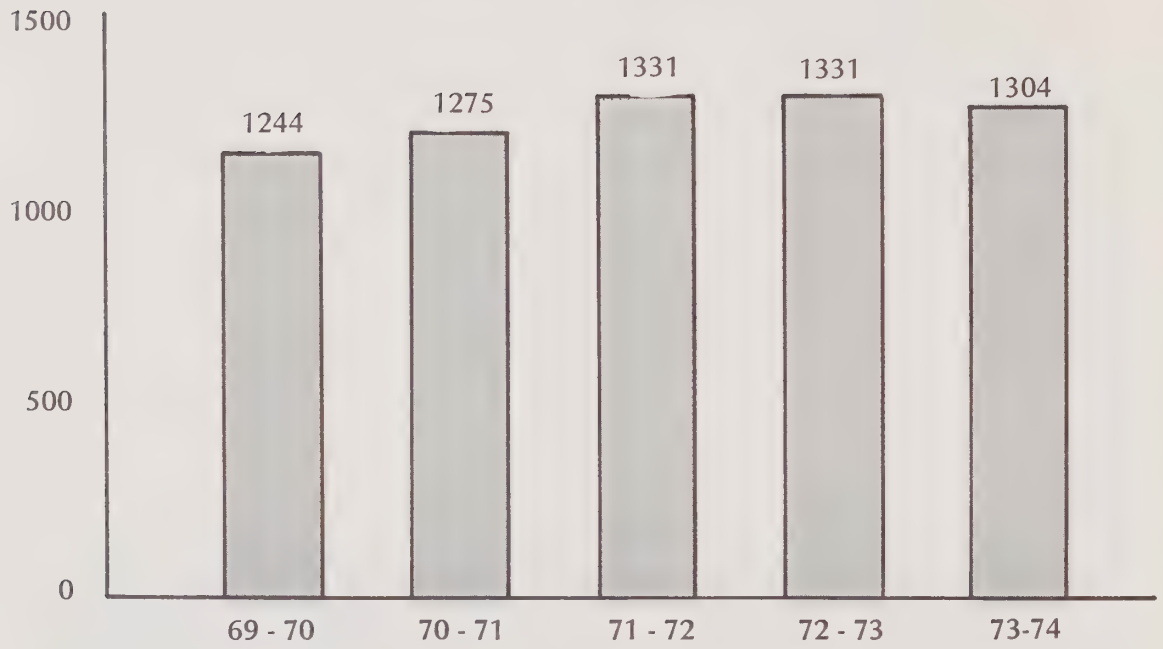
CRIME	TOTAL CASES	CASES CLEARED	PCT. CLEARED
Homicide	10	6	60.0
Robbery	138	45	32.6
Assault	834	443	53.1
Rape	43	19	44.1
Burglary	3184	620	19.5
Larceny	4045	456	11.3
Sex Offenses	103	76	73.8
Forgery/Checks	92	49	53.3
Narc./Marijuana	528	481	91.1
Narc./Opiates	55	36	65.5
Narc./Dang. Drugs	125	110	88.0

CRIME BY TIME

Burglary	Every	2.8 hours
Larceny	Every	2.2 hours
Assault	Every	10.5 hours
Robbery	Every	2.6 days
Rape	Every	8.5 days
Homicide	Every	36.5 days



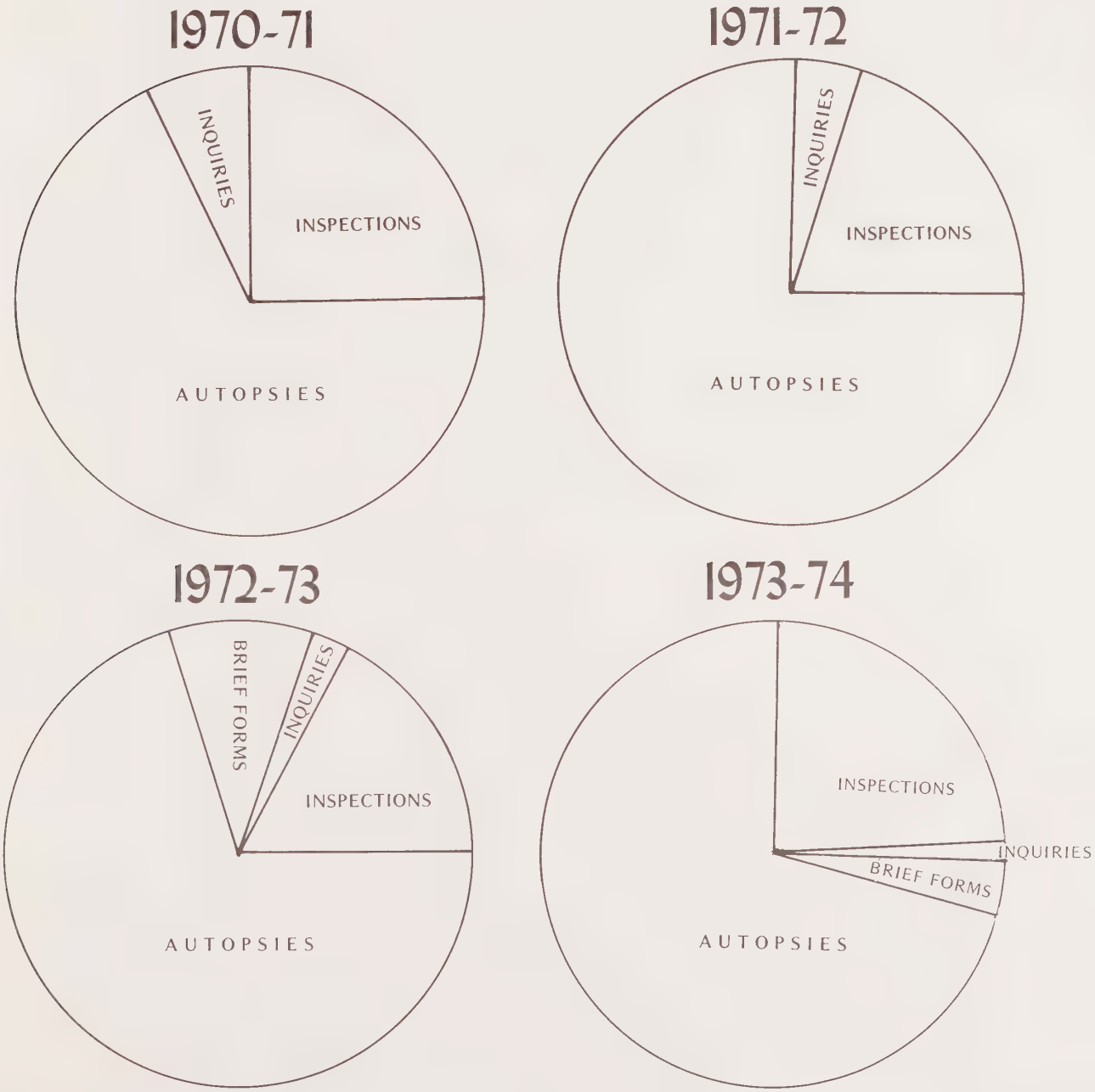
CORONER CASES



Comparison of Categories

YEAR	HOMICIDES	SUICIDES	TRAFFIC	MISC.	NON-TRAUMATIC	TOTAL
69 - 70	29	85	141	105	884	1244
70 - 71	33	91	111	141	899	1275
71 - 72	41	81	145	136	928	1331
72 - 73	57	82	100	137	955	1331
73-74	43	103	79	136	943	1304

COMPARISON OF AUTOPSIES, INSPECTIONS, INQUIRIES AND BRIEF FORM CASES



COMPARATIVE DATA: Homicides, Suicides, Traffic Fatalities, Accidental Overdose, Drownings and Industrial Accidents

	Homicides	Suicides	Traffic	Acc. Over.	Drownings	Indust. Acc.
SEX						
Male	31	67	62	14	6	8
Female	12	36	17	10	4	1
RACE						
Negro	12	13	0	4	0	0
Caucasian	31	89	0	20	0	0
Oriental	0	1	0	0	0	0
AGE						
Fetal	0	0	1	0	0	0
0-10	1	0	6	0	6	0
11-20	7	10	27	1	0	1
21-30	14	20	19	12	0	0
31-40	13	22	9	4	2	3
41-50	3	16	9	5	0	2
51-60	2	17	2	2	2	2
61-70	2	10	3	0	0	1
70-over	1	8	1	0	0	0
BLOOD ALCOHOL						
Not tested	3	18	16	3	7	2
Absent	17	45	26	11	0	7
.01-.09	11	13	16	5	3	1
.10-.19	5	14	13	3	0	0
.20-.29	7	12	6	1	0	0
.30-over	0	1	2	1	0	0

SERVICE DIVISION

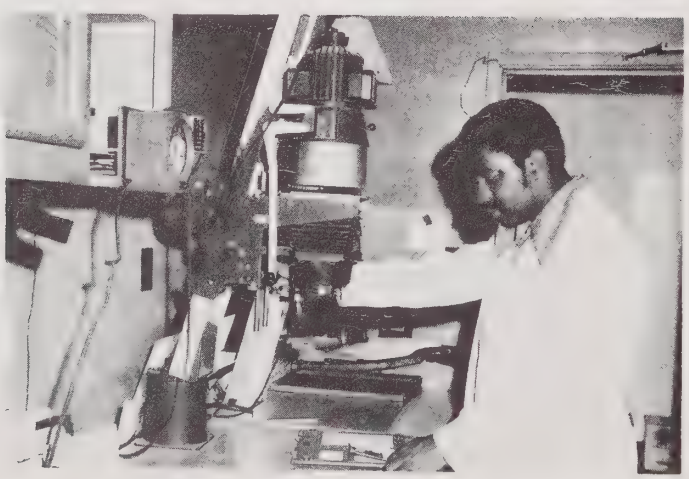
Sheriff's Communications Center, located on the seventh floor of the County Administration Building.

The Service Division, consisting of a Records Bureau, Communications Bureau and Civil Bureau, performs supportive functions essential for the effective and efficient operation of the Department. The Records Bureau is responsible for the indexing, storage and retrieval of all Department records, for processing of permits required by County Ordinance or State law, registrants, warrants of arrest, and crime statistics. The Civil Bureau is responsible for the service of civil papers which enter the Department from government agencies and private persons. The Bureau also serves subpoenas and mental health commitments. The Communications Bureau is responsible for the radio dispatching of all Department vehicles, answering all telephone calls for assistance, handling of computer information requests, and the dispatching of all County ambulances. The Bureau also handles radio dispatching for Animal Control, Public Works, Marshal's offices, and the Police Departments of Brentwood and Clayton.

SERVICE DIVISION

Captain	1
Lieutenant	1
Deputy Sheriff	3
Senior Sheriff's Dispatcher	5
Sheriff's Dispatcher	20
Storekeeper	1
Sheriff's Photographer	1
Supervising Clerk I	1
Clerks	19
Departmental Services Aide	1
	53

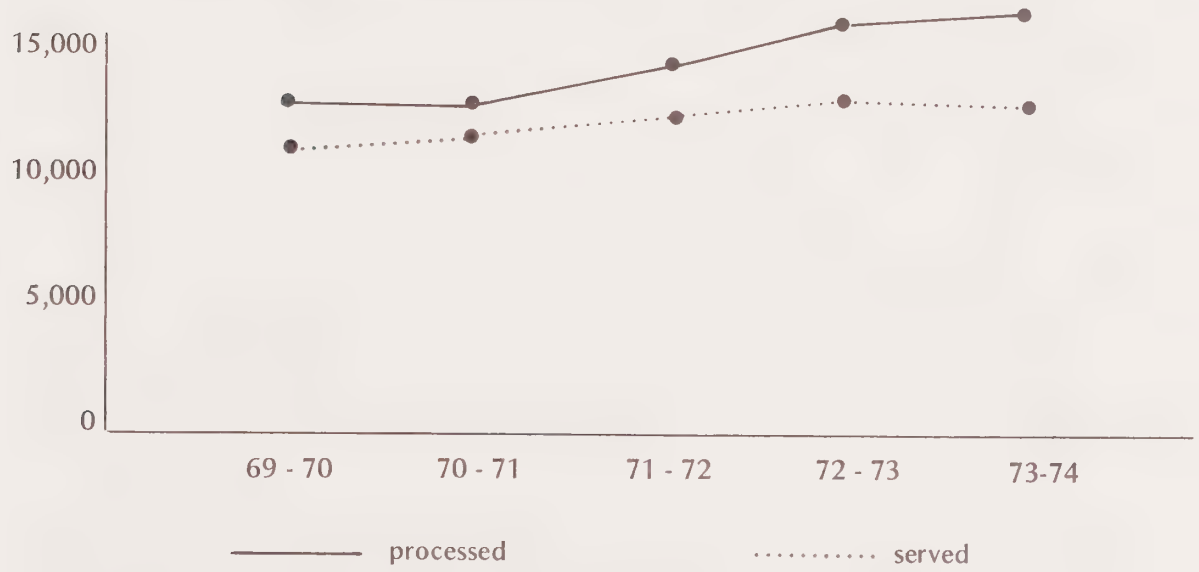
Sworn Personnel	5
Non-Sworn Personnel	48



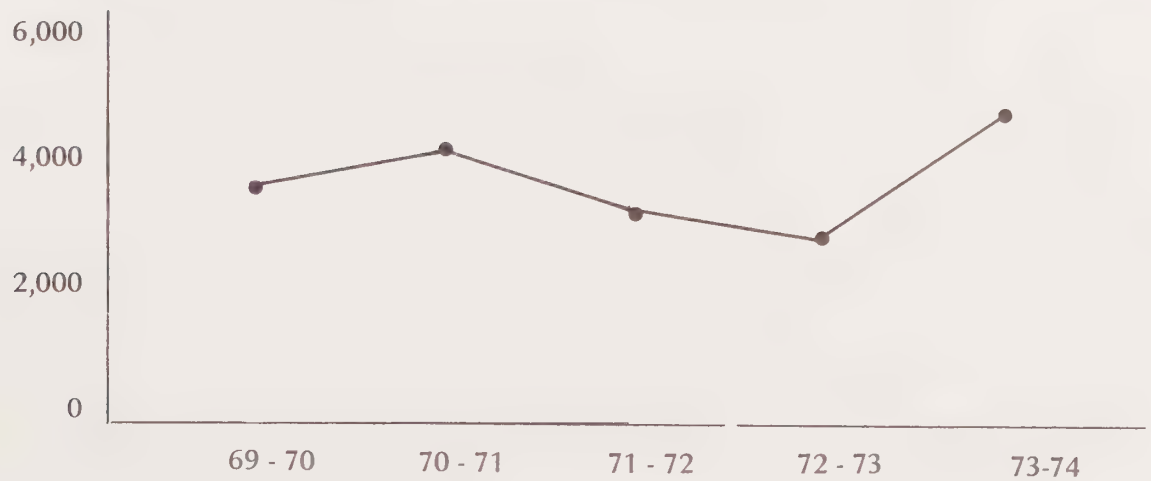
Photographic services is a major activity of the Service Division.

SERVICE DIVISION STATISTICS

Warrants Processed and Served



Civil Papers Served



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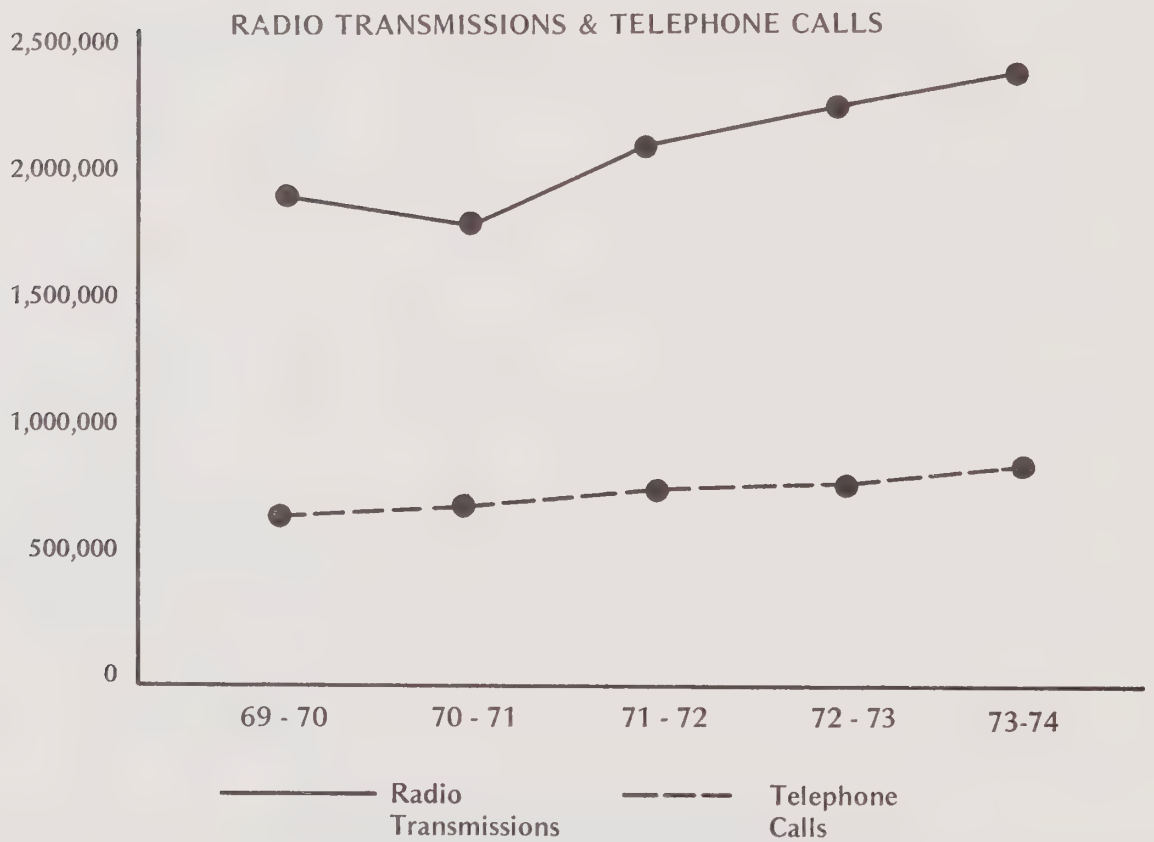

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Ambulances Dispatched	16,183	18,009	18,452	20,216	21,129
Teletype Messages Sent & Received and Computer Transactions*	170,300	163,732	153,768	143,017	147,869

*AUTOSTATIS, DOJS, NCIC, PIN

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Sheriff's Communicating Repair facility on Glacier Drive is a major link in the county-wide network of microwave radio systems.

The Communication-Technical Services Division is responsible for the servicing and maintenance of the radio equipment for the County and other jurisdictions. The maintenance unit handles radio and electronics maintenance for about 1500 radio units plus over 300 additional items such as P.A. systems, recorders, etc., located in County agencies, Fire Districts, Park Districts, Sanitary Districts, etc. The Engineering Unit provides technical consultation services for over 70 agencies and serves on boards or advisory committees such as APCO, CLEMARS, ABAG, etc.

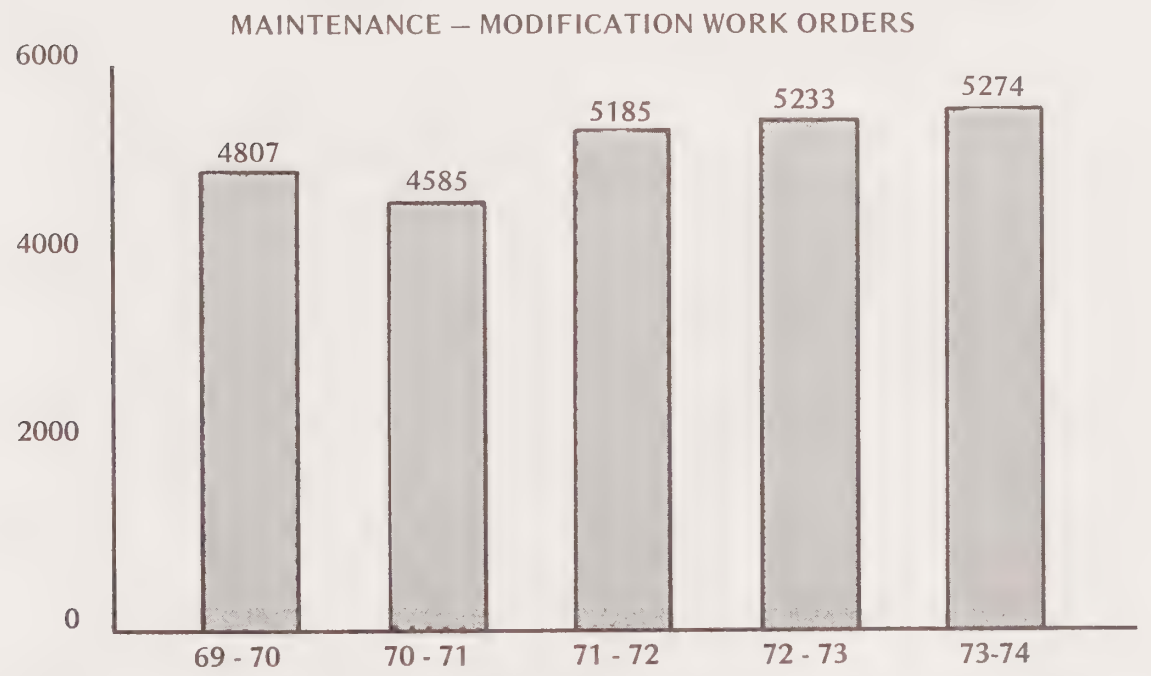
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

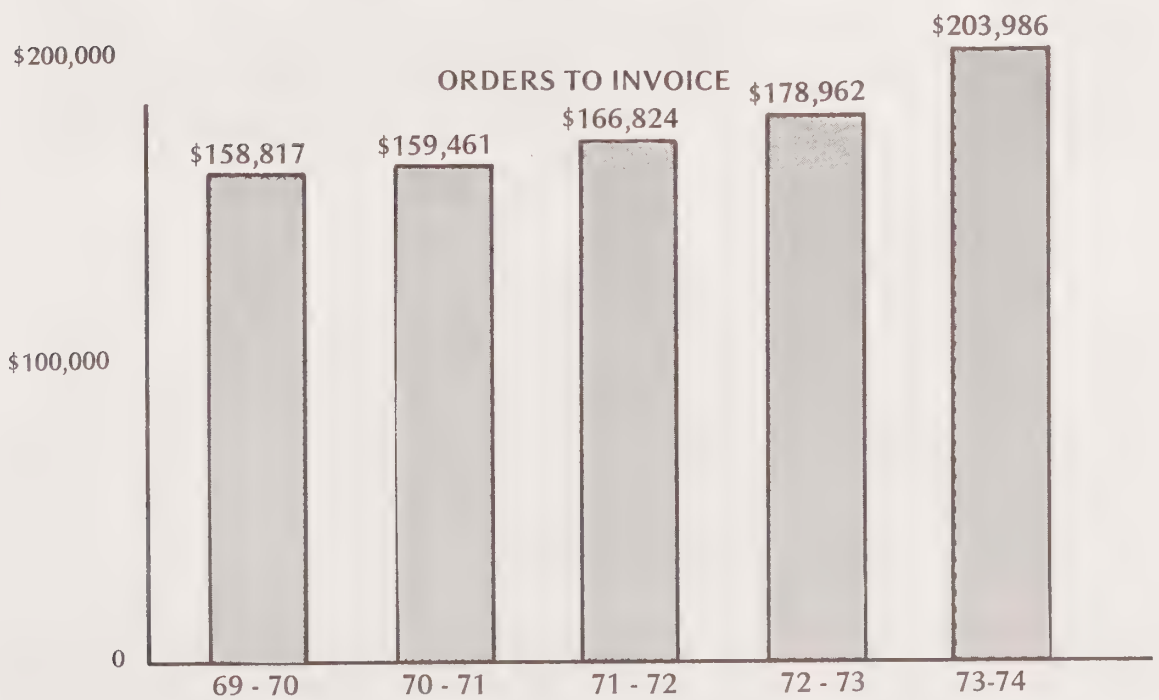
Communications Engineer	1
Supervising Communications Technician	1
Senior Communications Technician	1
Communications Technician	6
Communications Equipment Aide	1
Intermediate Stenographer Clerk	1
	11

Sworn Personnel	0
Non-Sworn Personnel	11

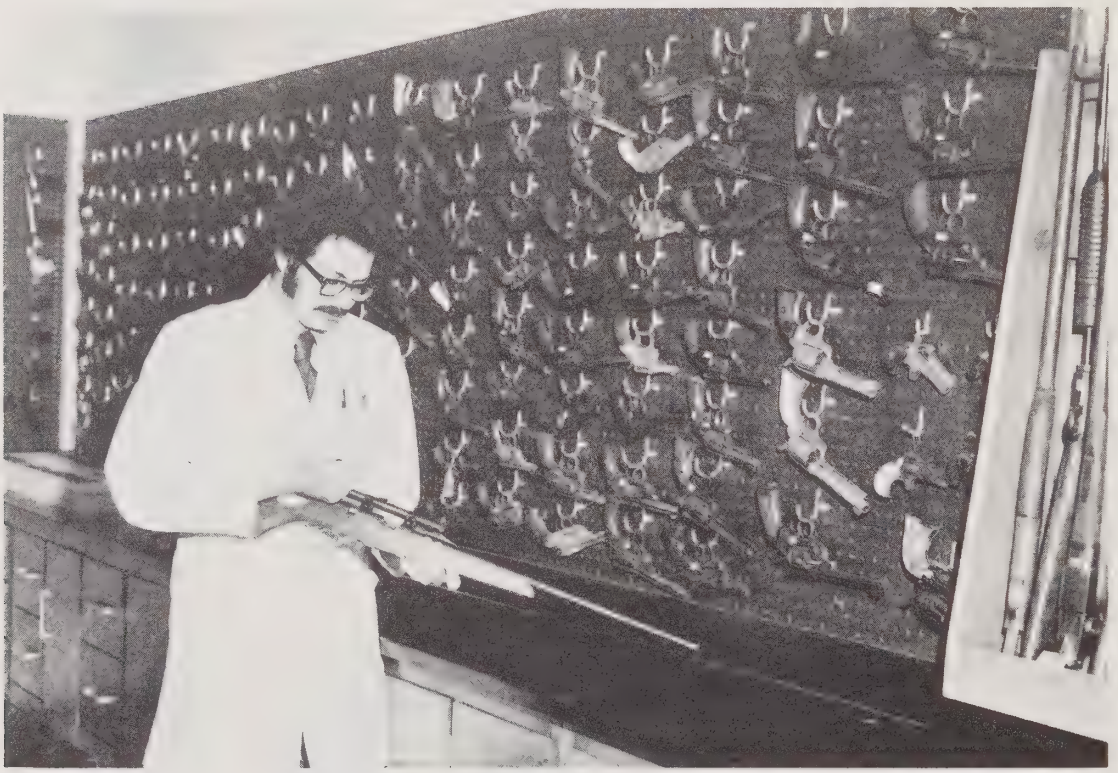
The 150 foot radio tower at the Sheriff's radio repair facility is a prominent landmark in the Martinez area.

COMMUNICATIONS - TECHNICAL DIVISION STATISTICS





CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY DIVISION



The Laboratory's library of weapons permits ready reference in the analysis and identification process.

The Criminalistics Laboratory Division provides a wide range of physical evidence analysis services to governmental agencies in Contra Costa County. Services provided by the Laboratory include the analysis, identification and interpretation of various items of physical evidence collected during the investigation of crimes and testimony regarding the results of those analyses. All services are available to municipalities as well as other agencies of County and State government. In addition to the examination of physical evidence, field services are provided at the more important crime scenes and autopsies, for the agencies serviced by the Laboratory.

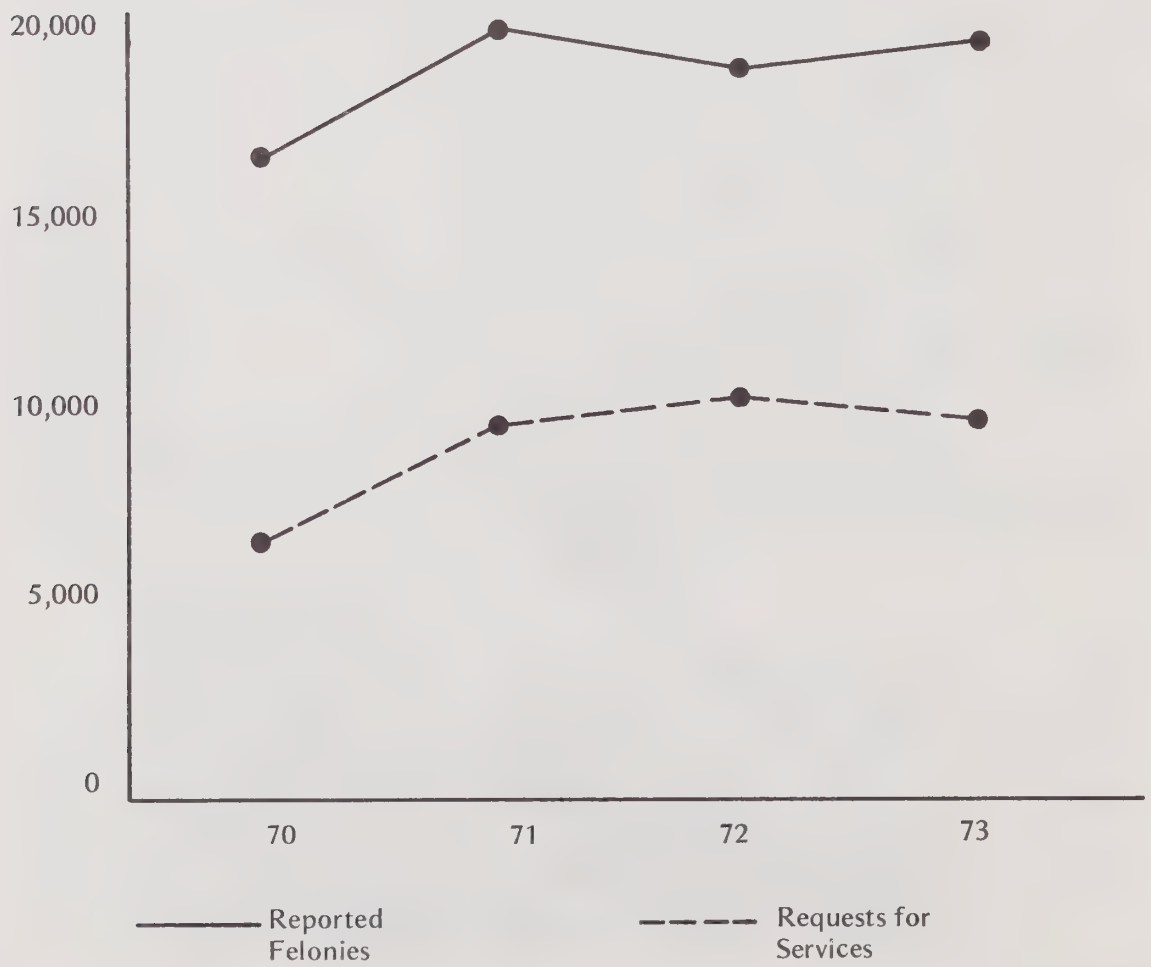
CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

Chief, Criminalistics Laboratory	1
Supervising Criminalist	1
Criminalist	2
Criminalist II	3
Criminalist I	1
Sergeant (Latent Fingerprint Examiner)	1
Deputy Sheriff (Crime Scene Investigator)	1
Lead Clerk III	1
Clerks	3
	14

Sworn Personnel	10
Non-Sworn Personnel	4

Photographic documentation provides graphic displays for courtroom presentations.

FELONY CRIMES REPORTED IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMPARED TO REQUESTS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES



REQUESTS FOR SERVICES BY AGENCY

Contra Costa County Police Agencies

Antioch	135
BART	6
Brentwood	6
Clayton	9
Concord	446
East Bay Reg. Park	11
El Cerrito	51
Kensington	1
Martinez	156
Pinole	17
Pittsburg	400
Pleasant Hill	104
Richmond	638
San Pablo	110
Sheriff's Dept.	5,604
Walnut Creek	294

Contra Costa County

Adult Probation	5
Animal Control	1
Antioch Fire Dept.	2
Auditor	47
Consol. Fire Dist.	10
Coroner	17
District Attorney	14
Eastern Fire Dept.	3
Health Dept.	3
Juvenile Probation	2
Rehabilitation Center	6
Social Service	2
SPCA	1
West Muni Court	1

State of California

Calif. Highway Patrol	235
Dept. of Fish & Game	13
Dept. of Human Resources	10
Division of Forestry	1
Employment Dev. Dept.	1

U. S. Government

Naval Investigative Serv.	1
Navy	2
Treasury	3

Other Agencies

Benicia P. D.	2
Livermore P. D.	1
Pleasanton P. D.	1

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